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1. An infantry field exercise involving two opposing teams was observed near the Gotha (M 51/J 06)-Eisenach highway between Truegleben and Aspach, on 2 September 1951. The only heavy weapons observed were heavy machine guns and 50-mm AT guns. Motor vehicles included [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] was ordered by the labor office to report for work to Unit [REDACTED] in the barracks installation in Jena-Lobstedt (M 51/J 76) on 7 September. (2)

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3. A troop train of 8 boxcars with soldiers and 10 cars with an unidentified number of AT guns, prime movers and trucks, including [REDACTED] was in the Weimar railroad station on 11 September. The train was headed toward Erfurt. (3)

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4. On 16 September, 16 boxcars were loaded with ammunition at the Jena railroad station. Wolgast was allegedly the receiving station. Jeep C 3-77-64 was parked near the railroad cars. Trucks [REDACTED] were observed hauling the ammunition. (4)

5. In late September, Soviet tank officers checked the load capacity of the bridges in Kreis Herseburg (M 52/D 91). The bridge across the Saale River was being reinforced. A mixed detail of Russians in civilian clothes and German police was allegedly inquiring for facilities for the storage of ration supplies, large accommodation facilities, and bivouac sites. (5)

6. In mid-September, it was learned in Gotha that German civilians were no longer to be employed at Soviet offices. Cleaning in the barracks installations was allegedly to be performed by Russian women. (6)

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- (1) According to the vehicle numbers, components of the 20th and 21st Gds Recz Divs participated in the field exercise.

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- (2) [REDACTED] confirms the Hq 20th Gds Mecz Div in Jena until 7 September 1951. The division headquarters is believed to be located in the Thuringian Ackerbauschule (agricultural school). Since the school is situated near the barracks installation in Lobstedt, it seems possible that elements of the headquarters are also quartered in this installation.
- 25X1B (3) [REDACTED] the train carried a headquarters unit of the Eighth Gds Army.
- (4) The trucks carrying ammunition belong to the XXVIII and XXIX Mtz Rifle Corps and to the 20th Gds Mecz Div. Wolgast is situated on the Baltic Sea coast, south of Peenemuende. The shipment observed may possibly be about 200 tons of empty cartridges which will be shipped by sea. A train carrying a small tank unit with vehicles of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Ohrdruf to Wolgast was reported by another source on 29 August 1951. [REDACTED] 25X1A
- (5) These maneuvers may be preparatory to fall maneuvers. Several sources observed vehicles of all of the six armies in the Bitterfeld-Dessau area farther to the northeast since mid-September. As early as 13 September, another source spoke of large-scale fall maneuvers.
- (6) The arrival of Russian women from the U.S.S.R. has been mentioned in several reports. However, paragraph 2 of the present report indicates that the policy governing the replacement of German employees by Russian women is not being carried out uniformly.

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